

## MEMORANDUM

October 7, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Press conference / photo op at Macedonia Creek

This event will take place on Macedonia Creek, about 4.5 miles south of Macon off Highway 45. The purpose of the event is to promote your proclamation of October 2002 as "Clean Water Month" in Mississippi. Linda Vaught with DEQ has a copy of the proclamation for you to hand to Charles Chisholm.

DEQ will also have a table set up with test kits for water to acknowledge October 18 as "National Water Monitoring Day." You will have the chance to conduct four simple tests on water from the creek after your remarks. The tests are measuring dissolved oxygen, temperature, turbidity (clarity of the water), and pH. The tests consist of nothing more than placing a tablet in a test tube with creek water and comparing it with a measurement sheet. Someone from DEQ will be there to help conduct the tests. Depending on time constraints, we can limit this to one test.

The purpose of the tests is to show that they are simple enough for anyone to conduct them. FYI, DEQ has already done tests on the creek and it's in good shape; however, the recent heavy rains may have changed things.